



May 2026 Messiah Messenger

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Brothers and Sisters of Messiah,

Grace, mercy and peace be unto you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

A blessed and beautiful spring greeting to all of you.

We are coming into the beautiful month of May: the month for mothers, Memorial Day, and most importantly for Christians, the Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Along with all of the holidays bringing honor, we are reminded of the most important honor ever bestowed on us and that was the promise of eternal life that Jesus gave us in his resurrection. In his ascension, we are reminded of how he is waiting for the day when he can return to us and bring us to be with him in heaven.

Although Memorial Day leads us into the summer months and the opportunity for beach days and summer getaways, it is important to remember how Jesus is eternally there for us and he wants us to be present with him in word and especially in sacrament as well.

We look forward to seeing you each week and invite you to join us in fellowship at our Spring Tea. All are welcome.

We love you, we pray for you, and we can't wait to see you.

Love in Jesus Christ,

Liann Dennis

And the Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Council



Easter 2026!

He Is Risen. He Is Risen, Indeed!

Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt was a wonderful event – it was lovely to spend time together, celebrating as a church family!



Thank You!

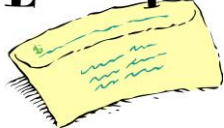


Thank you to everyone who attended and helped out at our Spaghetti Dinner Bingo Night! A great time was had by all!



**2 ~ Amy Gruenfelder, 5 ~ Emily Tanzi,
7 ~ Helene Cassistre, 8 ~ Ruth Hawkins,
Kyle McGrady, 10 ~ Savannah Levine,
Aidan Clarke, 11 ~ Daria Withers,
12 ~ Brian Schneider, Sean Morris, Veronica Harsch,
13 ~ Tina Baum, Natalie Anderson, 16 ~ Kaitlin Murphy,
Ryan Schmidke, 17 ~ Amie Noakes, Mia Susinno,
18 ~ Daniel Dennis, 20 ~ Billy Spitz, 21 ~ Victoria Hass,
Herb Baynon, 22 ~ Marcus Furrer, 23 ~ Nicholas Belmonte,
27 ~ Andrew Capozzi, 28 ~ Liann Dennis, Jeremy Guise,
Derek Guise, 31 ~ Caryl Ann Levine, Alexis Bell, Julia Bell.**

Offering Envelopes



2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available for pick up.

They are on the table in the narthex.

If you have not been issued envelopes but would like a set, please contact the church office at 631-751-1775.

ALSO, please prayerfully consider filling out a **MY GIVING GOAL PLEDGE CARD** for 2026. Your pledges help us with budgeting and help support the ministries we provide here at Messiah, but they also help you in your own giving. Your support helps us do all the great things we do at Messiah, and can help us do even more!

Cards can be found on the table in the narthex.

Please complete card and place it in the box. Thank you!

The Lutheran Women's Mission League needs your help!



Please join us on Friday, May 15th at 3:00 pm.
to assemble kits for Lutheran World Relief!

Items needed are: spiral notebooks (70 page), baby blankets, and dark bath and hand towels.

Your help is greatly appreciated as we work towards blessing many people who are in need.

Thank you!



Messiah Reaching Out



The Stewardship Committee is collecting blank cards and postcards to send out to members who are homebound or fighting an illness.

We will also send greetings to baptism families, college students, military families, and others to let them know that we are thinking about them and are praying for them.

Please contact the church office at (631) 751-1775

or talk to Tracey Donohue if you would like to get involved.

Join us as we send caring thoughts to our members who might be in need of cheering up!

Vacation Bible School

Come with us to Rainforest Falls this year!

VBS is coming back from August 24-28th.

To make this happen, ***we need you.***

We need volunteers for the following areas: Teachers, music, snacks, games. If you have talents in any of these areas, or would like to develop some, we need you!!

Please contact Nancy Murphy or Liann Dennis as soon as possible.



Upcoming Events:



Spring Tea Buffet – Spring has sprung!

Celebrate the season with us at our Spring Tea Buffet on Saturday, May 23rd at 1:30pm.

Enjoy quiche, pastries and scones.

\$5 per person, pay at the door.

Please sign up to attend.

For all events, sign up helps us prepare enough food.

Wine and Cheese with Lynn Greener

Please watch emails and announcements for date/time



Annual Church Picnic – Sunday, June 14th after

worship. Let's celebrate our beautiful flag! Share in the spirit and wear your red, white and blue.

Ice Cream Social – July 11th



Beach Night – August 7th

Help Needed!

We are in need of help for many of our events. Please prayerfully consider helping with our events:

- Spring Tea - Saturday May 23rd at 1:30pm
- Church Picnic - Sunday June 14th at 12:00pm
- VBS - Monday August 24th to Friday August 28th at 9am to 12pm
- Trunk or Treat/Vendor Fair – Saturday, Oct. 24th at 12pm to 4pm

The Fellowship Committee, the Parsonage Committee, and the Fundraising Committee needs the help of our congregation. If interested, please contact the church office or speak with Liann Dennis, Donnalee Morris or Nancy Murphy

Please Recycle



*The Earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.
The world and all its people belong to him. For he laid the earth's
foundation on the seas and built on the ocean depth. Psalm 24:1*

Earth day is April 22nd. We, as children of God, need to be good stewards of this planet. There are blue recycle containers around the church.

One in the narthex and two in the kitchen area.

Please help us to recycle paper, cardboard, and bottles & cans.

Take some home to put in your recycle container.

We will collect any new or gently used clothing all year long to donate to Lighthouse Mission.

Upcoming District Events:

LWML Convention, Suffern, NY May 1-2, 2026

**ATLANTIC DISTRICT LWML SUFFOK ZONE
WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington

Friday, May 15 – Saturday, May 16

Title: Pressing On

Speaker: Debbie Elliott

*Please call the church office (631) 751-1775 for more info
Forms are available in the Narthex*



Altar Flowers

If you wish to provide flowers at the altar, we ask for a donation of **\$35 (or more)** for 2 bouquets. Bouquets may be taken home after the late service, or donated to the homebound or nursing home patients. Please write your name on the Flower Calendar in the Narthex and complete a flower donation envelope along with your payment. Please include the sentiment that you would like printed in the bulletin.

Thank you!

Mission of the Month ~ May, 2026

Messiah Bible Fund

Any missions donations made during the month of May will go towards the purchase of bibles -- to be distributed at community events, such as Farmers' Markets, Fairs, etc .

Thank you, as always for your kind generosity.

To give a financial gift, please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church, and write Bible Fund in the memo line, or for cash donation, write Bible Fund on your envelope.



P R A Y E R C H A I N

Please join our **Prayer/Special Needs Chain**

and intercede for those needing prayer throughout the course of the week. It is such a wonderful way to support our church family and those we love.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office at (631) 751-1775 or info@messiahny.org.

Thank you!

Do you have a loved one away at school or in the military?

Living away from home can be a lonely experience. Please allow us the opportunity to reach out to your student/service member with words of encouragement, spiritual resources, and care packages. We can even help to find local churches in their community, so that they can continue in fellowship with other believers and maintain a strong foundation in the Christian faith.

Please contact the church office for details.

Thank you!



How You Can Help at Messiah VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need you! God has given us all a talent that can be used in the church. Messiah is run by volunteers. Volunteering at church is a joyful responsibility that involves using one's gifts to serve others.

Please prayerfully consider helping out one of
our various boards and committees.

*Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts,
must use for the good of others
the special gift he has received from God. 1 Peter 4:10*

Board of Elders - works with Pastor on various boards of the church to ensure that the church holds regular religious and educational services that adhere to the doctrine and practice of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Through their oversight, all aspects of worship, education, ministry, and church life are handled responsibly.

Finance Board - handles the finances of the church

Trustees - maintains the building and the grounds

Board of Parish Ed - handles the education opportunities in the church, such as Sunday School, bible classes & VBS

Board of Evangelism - handles outreach to the community

Board of Stewardship - encourages members for service to the congregation

Fellowship - falls under Stewardship. This committee plans all the fun events we have

Board of Youth - plan youth events

Altar Guild - handles the set up of communion along with many other things

LWML - put together the different kits (personal care, school and baby) to go to those in need through Lutheran World Relief

Service Helpers - lectors, acolytes, communion assistants, ushers, live stream, power point, musicians

Sunday School Teachers - teach Sunday School children

Coffee Fellowship - help set up and/or clean up the coffee fellowship

Where is God leading you to serve? *If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call the church office at (631) 751-1775. Thank you!*

At this time, we need volunteers for:

- ***Running Power Point and Livestream for Sunday Services***
- ***VBS planning, decorating, and helping out during the week of Aug 24-28, from 9 am to 12 pm.***
- ***This year's Trunk or Treat/Vendor Fair – planning and advertising.***

PARISH EDUCATION:

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School is offered at 9:00 am for both Adults and Children.



We are looking for Sunday School teachers and substitutes. It's a wonderful opportunity to help our children learn about our faith. If interested, please speak with Liann Dennis.



MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Midweek Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 10:30 am.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study will resume on Saturday, May 9th at 9:00 am



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class for 7th and 8th graders is held on Sundays at 9:00 am.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 631-751-1775

Thank you!



Altar Guild

Please consider joining the Altar Guild!

Watch announcements and emails for our next meeting.

Please contact the church office for more details.

+ *Soli Deo Gloria* +

the Messiah Lutheran Altar Guild



Find Us on Social Media!



On the Messiah Facebook page, you will find information about church services, health updates, and devotionals and meditations.

And don't forget to subscribe to Messiah **YouTube** page!

Here you'll find archived videos of streamed services, messages from the pastors, devotionals and other video resources.

Follow our pages today! You can find links to our Facebook, YouTube, *and now on Instagram* pages on our website, www.messiahny.com.

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to the link for Faithstreet.com to set up your on-line giving account with Messiah.



Would you like to come to church, but are in need of transportation?

Please contact the church office at (631) 751-1775.

We may be able to arrange a ride for you!

Your donation helps us keep sending The Messiah Messenger to members and friends of Messiah

Our Messenger is delivered to 400 homes in our area monthly.

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